



County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 Samuel Bivins
DISTRICT 2 Bruce Eldridge
DISTRICT 3 Unfilled
DISTRICT 4 Unfilled
DISTRICT 5 Hans Strandgaard
AT LARGE Olin Woods

County Staff: Panos Kokkas

Members Present: Bivins, Strandgaard, Woods

Public: John Whitehead, Logan Sidle (Staff, Congressman John Garamendi's Office)

Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, December 13, 2018, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minute taker for meeting
 - a. Olin Woods volunteered as the minute taker.
2. Public Comment
 - a. John Whitehead, as a follow up to the discussion on Jump Bikes at the October 25, 2018, meeting, indicated that he reached out to an associate, a Mr. Guisti, who is knowledgeable re. the deployment status of Jump Bikes. Mr. Whitehead noted that a scooter is classified as a "driverless vehicle", yet a person in a wheelchair is "pedestrian", so our laws need to be updated. Unfortunately, no response has been received yet. John indicated he will try again to reach his contact. Sam Bivens said he also has a contact he can try.
3. Approval of Minutes for October 25, 2018
 - a. Olin Woods moved approval of the minutes with two small changes and the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. BOS Decision for CR 98 Widen (County Staff)
 - a. Public Works Director Panos Kokkas indicated that in a 4-1 vote the BOS had approved the project, including three new roundabouts for the CR 98 widening

project; Supervisor Chamberlain dissented. A UCD representative attended and encouraged the BOS's approval, based on the enhanced safety of roundabouts. A Yolo County farmer spoke against roundabouts. A representative from Grace Valley Church, directly affected by the project and initially opposed, spoke in favor of the project. Further education about roundabouts made the difference in the church's position. SACOG approved \$4.2M in funding for the right of way phase, so the County can purchase the needed property. Mr. Kokkas thanked Chair Strandgaard for his well written note to the BOS in support of the CR 98 project. Mr. Kokkas noted that on SR16 at CR89 in Madison, Caltrans was planning to install a roundabout as well.

5. Progress on Caltrans pumping plant for Webster's Corner (County Staff)
 - a. Mr. Kokkas stated that he had met with Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet Benipal, who forthrightly indicated that, while Caltrans acknowledges its responsibilities for the flooding conditions that affect Chiles Rd, the Department has no current plans to permanently correct the problem, due to the \$15M cost of such a capital project. In the interim, Mr. Benipal indicated that Caltrans will initiate pumping to temporarily alleviate the flooding condition, when it occurs. Mr. Kokkas noted that they have had to pump twice in two years. Mr. Sidle said he would bring this issue to the attention of Congressman Garamendi.
 - b. Mr. Woods commented that this will not prevent damage to the County roadway, and that if the situation were reversed, the Department would certainly take action to prevent continued deterioration of a State facility caused by another agency. Woods further stated that "fair is fair" and that, while this problem understandably may not be high on the State's list, a better resolution is necessary in order to prevent the continuing degradation of the County road. Other members of the TAC agreed, further stating that when the road floods, it inconveniences large numbers of motorists traveling on Chiles road as well as motorists attempting to access I-80 from the Eastbound on-ramp.
 - c. Later in the meeting, TAC members asked Mr. Logan Sidel from John Garamendi's staff if he could discuss this issue with the Congressman to determine what assistance his office might be able to provide in helping to resolve this long-standing issue.

6. Sacramento Weir Widening and relocation of County Roads
 - a. Panos Kokkas reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of developing plans to widen the existing weir along the West bank of the Sacramento River just North of West Sacramento. The purpose of the project is to enhance flood control for the region and it will add 1,500 feet to the mouth of the weir, doubling the current width. The project will require removal/replacement of CR22 which will enhance safety and reduce maintenance costs, among other benefits. If the current railroad tracks cannot be relocated, this will present project complications which it is hoped can be avoided. The project cost is likely in the "hundreds of millions" realm and the target start date is 2021

7. Public Works Update (County Staff)
 - a. Panos Kokkas advised that, in general, the County is getting ready for Winter, doing tree and bush trimming, repairing potholes by applying cold patches, etc. At this point, County Road (CR) 27, West of CR 98 has been reconstructed, and striped using a Highway Safety grant; CR 13 (CR102 to I-5 in the Knight's Landing area) has been reconstructed with the shoulders receiving overlays; and CR 85 North of Capay has been repaired, portions of which have been chipsealed and portions of which have been reconstructed.

8. Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - a. Possible discussion of Jump Bike Successes and Deployment Status (John Whitehead or Sam to make a contact)
 - b. Possible Sac/West Sac Trolley Update (Terry Bassett or Jose Perez)
 - c. Webster's Corner Flooding Problem (Logan Sidle, Congressman Garamendi's Office)

9. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location-Thursday, January 24, 2019, 4:30-5:30pm, Thursday, Cache Creek Conference Room